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CCRB Adopts New Rules Governing Investigations into Sexual Misconduct, False Statements

The new rules allow the agency to investigate sexual misconduct and false official statements made against civilians on official paperwork or in official proceedings

New York, NY – New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board Chair Fred Davie issued the following statement after the Board voted to adopt new rules, allowing the agency to investigate sexual misconduct committed by NYPD officers and false official statements made against civilians on official police paperwork or in official proceedings.

"Sexual misconduct and false official statements represent some of the worst kinds of abuse of police authority. The Board's vote today to empower the agency to investigate this misconduct is an important victory for civilian oversight of the NYPD," said CCRB Chair Fred Davie. "I believe the CCRB is well-equipped to investigate and prosecute these kinds of misconduct, and the public should know that the Board will pursue accountability for substantiated sexual misconduct and false official statements to the fullest extent we can."

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The New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) is the largest police oversight entity in the nation and is empowered to investigate, mediate, prosecute, and recommend disciplinary action for complaints alleging misconduct by NYPD officers. See NYC Charter § 440(c)(1). The agency's jurisdiction includes excessive and unnecessary force, abuse of authority, discourtesy, and use of offensive language. To further this mission, CCRB issues monthly, biannual, and special statistical and qualitative reports analyzing trends and recurring issues arising from the many thousands of civilian complaints it receives each year.